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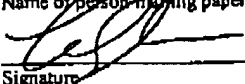
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Responsive to the Office Action mailed July 14, 2003 (Paper No. 24), please consider the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.